

Loudoun County Government
DISABILITIES SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

January 20, 2011

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Lovely Lall, Frank Lombardi, Tim Tozer, Tom Wlodkowski, Rowenna Beatty.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Granata, Liz Mills, Ron Hoogerwerf, Rowe Leathers, Ken Shipman, Julian Murray, Angela Shirazi.

INACTIVE MEMBERS: Greg Conrow

STAFF: Catherine Motivans (DSB County Liaison Support); Julie Pastor (Director of Planning)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Kelly Burk (Leesburg District)

MEMBERS of the PUBLIC: Bill Ward (LEND); Tracee Garner (LEND); Pam Forshee (VRTA); Ann Finan (Brighter Day Care), Yvette Castro-Green (LaVoz of Loudoun).

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ann Finan, President/Founder of Brighter Day Care (BDC), discussed the after school care provided by her organization to children with special needs. Ms. Finan distributed information about BDC, which is attached to these minutes. She requested DSB consideration to link her organization to the DSB webpage. Chairman Lombardi offered to follow up with her after the meeting.

Tracee Garner shared a Transportation Guide to Northern Virginia and an “Americans with Disabilities Act Question & Answers” booklet published by the Fairfax County DSB. She also reminded the DSB of the upcoming disability accessibility summit in April hosted by the McLean Bible Church.

Bill Ward noted that LEND is working with legislators on developing a budget. He asked the DSB members, in their individual capacities, to provide whatever support they could on this matter.

Yvette Castro-Green (La Voz of Loudoun) provided the DSB with some background on her organization. Ms. Castro-Green noted that La Voz has been serving the immigrant population of Loudoun for about seven years. She mentioned that La Voz has received some funding to develop alliances and is looking for ways to collaborate with other organizations. La Voz has been working with the Loudoun County Community Services Board since 2004 to provide English as a Second Language programs to adults. The program has been running in Leesburg, but expanded to Sterling in 2010.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No quorum present. There were only five DSB members in attendance out of 13. A total of seven members are required for a quorum.

Note: Supervisor Burk indicated that Susan Barry Hill is the contact in the Leesburg government regarding accessibility issues. She also agreed to look into whether the Board of Supervisors meetings are closed captioned.

III. PRESENTATION BY JULIE PASTOR, Director Loudoun County Planning Dept.

Ms. Pastor distributed a handout, which is incorporated into these minutes. The DSB members introduced themselves to Ms. Pastor. Ms. Pastor noted that the planning department has a staff of about 30. Its mission is to provide assistance to the planning commission; assist the Board of Supervisors and citizens; and provide policy development. Ms. Pastor proceeded to discuss the slides in her handout as follows:

Context: The Comprehensive Plan is the big picture document that provides an overall vision. The Strategic Plan provides more specifics and finer grain. The planning department currently has ten Area Plans, which provide even more detail than the Strategic Plan. The service delivery agencies prepare the services plans, which are updated every few years. The Capital Needs Assessment establishes the ten-year horizon; the CIP uses a six year window, which is pulled from the CAN.

Plan Amendment Process: The Board of Supervisors has a strategic plan/work plan. The planning department works with the Board of Supervisors to achieve the strategic plan/work plan. Only the Board of Supervisors can allocate staff resources. Public hearings are an integral part of the plan amendment process.

Development Review Process: Landowners/developers submit applications for particular land uses. Rezoning applications go through an elaborate process.

Current Initiatives

- (A) Land Development: Dulles World; Dulles Town Center; Route 50/Fox Gate; Loudoun Metro
- (B) Plan & Policy Amendments: Route 28 Plan Amendment; Chesapeake Bay Ordinance; Sign Ordinance; and Affordable Dwelling Ordinance.

Ms. Pastor commented that the planning department mainly focuses on developing and recommending policy for the County, not in actual implementation of that policy. Ms. Pastor suggested that the DSB get involved with development of the Facilities Standards Manual. According to Ms. Pastor, there is a standing committee (the Public Review Committee) devoted to the Facilities Standards Manual. The Public Review Committee is comprised of eleven members.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation

Tom Wlodkowski noted that he continues to work with Supervisor McGimsey's office on the issues relevant to Pedestrian Safety.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Village at Leesburg Update

Chairman Lombardi noted that the developer is proceeding with obtaining bids from contractors to perform the upgrades. The developer is concerned that because of the slow bid-responses from his construction contractors that the disabled parking spaces modification effort discussed with the DSB may be delayed. The developer also voiced concerns regarding how quickly Town of Leesburg authorities would take to consider and approve the requested changes.

VI. STAFF REPORT

Catherine noted that she submitted an estimate of costs for approval to expend money on DSB business cards. The cards would also be printed in Braille.

Chairman Lombardi publicly recognized Pam Forshee, (VRTA), for lending her expertise and continued support as a member of the public, to ongoing discussions related to the DSB's transportation agenda.

With no quorum, Chairman Lombardi adjourned this meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Next DSB Meeting: February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.